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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2002 (Paper No. 4) in regard to the above-identified patent application. Said Office Action is a restriction requirement having a 1-month response deadline, to expire on July 27, 2002.

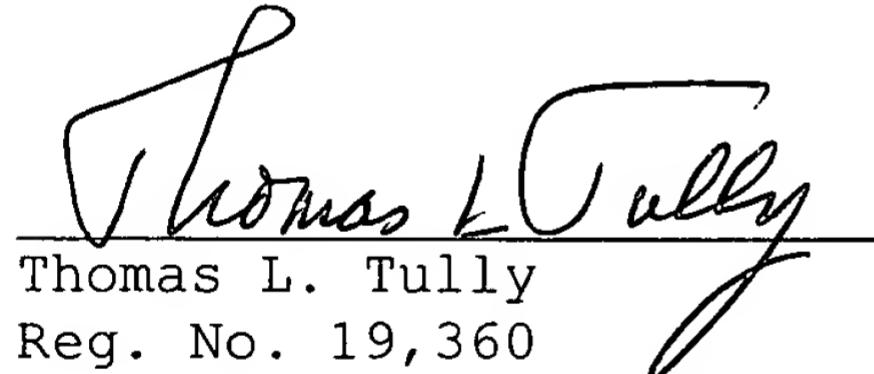
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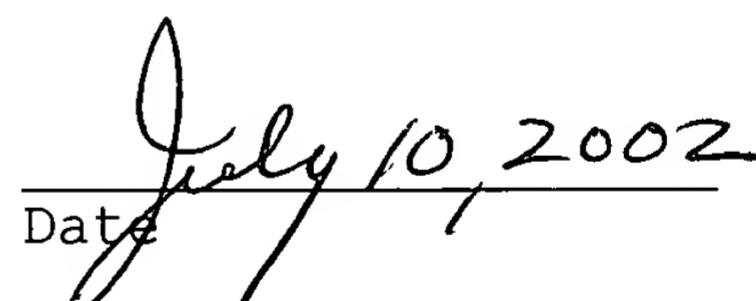
Applicants elect to prosecute the invention I, claims 1 to 6, in the present application. This election is made with traverse since the belt of claims 1 to 6 can only be made by the process of claims 7 to 12. Process claims 7 to 12 define the process for making the intermediate belt of claims 1 to 6.

The Examiner makes reference to the use of a "liquid developer with the toner particles therein as a step in the process" as a justification of the restriction process -- see paragraph 2 of the Office Action. The claims 7 to 12 relate to a process for producing the belt of claims 1 to 6. None of these claims have anything to do with the use of liquid developer or toner particles. Therefore the Examiner's comments do not support the restriction requirement, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

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